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## CA Community Schools Partnership Program

*Steps You Should Take Before RFAs Release*

1. **Talk to your local schools immediately!**
  - a. Funding will be distributed by school districts so beginning these conversations will be critical. This will allow interested folks to discuss what role they will play in the creation and implementation of Community School models.
2. **[Review the old RFA for Community Schools](#)**
  - a. Although the Department of Education will of course be making changes to the RFA, this will help paint a picture of expectations. This can also help you start thinking about what things you want to include in your application.
  - b. FRQs about the Community Schools Program may be found [HERE](#).
  - c. View previous grant recipients [HERE](#).
3. **[Review The Most Recent Administrative Plan for Community Schools](#)**
  - a. The administrative plan contains information about what roles and responsibilities departments and schools will have in the implementation of Community Schools. It also contains the framework for what the models will look like.
  - b. Important Contacts for Community Schools:
    - i. [Steve Zimmer](#): Is currently spearheading the Community Schools program
      1. Email: [SZimmer@cde.ca.gov](mailto:SZimmer@cde.ca.gov)
    - ii. [Lisa Reimers](#): Is the lead for programmatic questions of the RFA
      1. Email: [lreimers@cde.ca.gov](mailto:lreimers@cde.ca.gov); phone: 916-322-1762
4. **Keep a Lookout For Updated Information from CDE**
  - a. Planning Grant information will be posted [HERE](#)
  - b. Implementation Grants information will be posted [HERE](#)
  - c. Regional Technical Assistance Grants information will be posted [HERE](#)